



Massacre of the Pequots, Mystic, CT, 1637

There would be no United States as we now know it today without slavery. That is a simple and basic truth.

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The brutal repression of a slave rebellion in New York, 1741

Land of the Thief, Home of the Slave

Now, of course, slavery was not the only factor that played a significant part in the emergence of the U.S. as a world power, whose economic strength underlies its massive military force. A major historical factor in all this was the theft of land, on a massive scale, from Mexico as well as from native peoples. But, in turn, much of that conquest of land was, for a long period of time up until the Civil War, largely to expand the slave system. "Remember the Alamo," we are always reminded. Well, many of the "heroes" of the Alamo were slave traders and slave chasers....And expanding the slave system was a major aim of the overall war with Mexico, although that war also led to the westward expansion of the developing capitalist system centered in the northern United States.



The U.S. military siege of Monterrey, Mexico, 1846

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